

Ram Sharan  
S/o Sh. Pratap Chand,  
224, Indra Colony, Street – 10,  
Kot Khalsa, Amritsar (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Circle,  
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 182 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Ram Sharan, the Complainant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 04.11.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 17.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.12.2020, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Circle, Amritsar, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The complainant, Sh. Ram Sharan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 09.12.2020.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Circle, Amritsar. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head	.. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head	.. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	.. 0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information, to the complainant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing positively.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO, or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Anil Kumar  
S/o Sh. Bal Krishan,  
Village – Neelpur,  
Tehsil – Rajpura,  
Distt. Patiala(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chief Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R), (HQ)  
Mini Secretariat, Block – C,  
Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 197 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the Complainant.  
Sh. Rajeev Gaur, S. D. O.(Provincial Division), on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 07.01.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 24.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.12.2020, an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to facilitate the complainant to inspect the relevant official record on 07.01.2021 to identify the information.

The Complainant, Sh. Anil Kumar, could not attend the proceedings of the instant complaint-case.

Sh. Rajeev Gaur, S. D. O.(Provincial Division), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the complainant visited the office of the to inspect the relevant official record and available information was supplied to him(the complainant). He also commits that if he (the complainant) found any information is remaining, he could visit the office in working hours to get the remaining information.

Nevertheless, if the complainant found any information pending, he is advised to visit the office of the concerned respondent PIO on 22.03.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the remaining information. An opportunity is given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the complete information or it would be assumed that he has received the information and satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Jagdish Chander  
S/o Sh. Jangir Chand,  
V.P.O. – Chak Mahanta Wala,  
Tehsil – GurHarsahai,  
Distt. - Ferozepur(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Eastern Division, Canal Colony,  
Department of Irrigation,  
Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 199 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the Complainant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 26.09.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 24.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.12.2020, neither the complainant nor the respondent was present. Another opportunity was given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the fixed date of hearing.

Neither the complainant, Sh. Jagdish Chander nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the complainant to intimate the Commission whether he has received any information from the respondent PIO or it would be assumed that he does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided for non-pursuance.

Last opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

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Ms. Neeraj D/o Baljit Singh,  
V.P.O. – Baghpur via Hariana,  
Hoshiarpur - 144208 (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Janauri Chauhal Construction Division,  
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Encl:RTI Request

**Complaint Case No. 244 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the Complainant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 21.11.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 13.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.12.2020, the respondent PIO was directed to file a point-wise reply to the queries, raised by the complainant through his RTI request.

The Complainant, Ms. Neeraj is not present in today's hearing.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Janauri Chauhal Construction Division, Hoshiarpur as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He (respondent PIO) may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. An opportunity is also given to him (respondent PIO) to file a point-wise reply to the queries, raised by the complainant through his RTI request, by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order alongwith RTI request be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

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Hazari Lal Singla,  
H. No. B-13-1672,  
Street No. 02, Lakhy Colony,  
Barnala - 148101(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Managing Director,  
Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,  
S.C.O. 74, Bank Square,  
Sector 17-B, Chandigarh(Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 251 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the Complainant.  
Ms. Jagdev Kaur, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 07.01.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.12.2020, an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to send a status report regarding action taken on letter dated 04.11.2019, regarding which the information was sought by the complainant through RTI request dated 07.01.2020.

Ms. Jagdev Kaur, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a detailed reply, alongwith annexure, has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 2966-67 dated 15.02.2021. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been submitted in the Commission vide letter no. 2088 dated 01.03.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The Complainant, Sh. Hazari Lal Singla, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the Complainant to confirm whether he has received the above-mentioned reply and also to express his grievance/grievances, if any, through a written submission to the concerned PIO so that the same could be counter-replied by the respondent PIO concerned. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared or it would be assumed that the Complainant is satisfied with the reply of the respondent and the case would be decided for non-pursuance.

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Punjab

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Ghanshyam Singh,  
193 – C, Pocket – 1,  
Mayur Vihar, Phase – 1,  
New Delhi - 110091(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chairman,  
Punjab Mandi Board,  
Sector 65-A, Mandi Bhawan,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 268 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the Complainant.  
Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 05.08.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 23.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.12.2020, Ms. Satwinder Kaur, Superintendent, stated that the complainant had not deposited required fee of Rs. 10/- with his RTI request dated 05.08.2019, which is mandatory under the provisions of the RTI Act. The complainant was advised to deposit the required fee of Rs. 10/- to the office of respondent PIO concerned to take certified copies of the required information by the next date of hearing so that the required information could be supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned.

Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the complainant has still not deposited required fee of Rs. 10/- as directed vide orders dated 09.12.2020, which is mandatory under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The Complainant, Sh. Ghanshyam Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the complainant to deposit the required fee of Rs. 10/- to the office of respondent PIO concerned to take certified copies of the required information by the next date of hearing so that the required information could be supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned or it would be assumed that he does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

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Date : 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Jang Bahadur  
S/o Sh. Jai CHand,  
Mandi Aminganj, Rodhan Wali,  
Teh. & Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chairman,  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan  
Sector 65-A, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
(Regd. Post) Rural Development and Panchayats,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chairman,  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan  
Sector 65-A, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2494 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Jang Bahadur, the appellant in person.  
Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Superintendent O/o , on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 04.03.2020. First appeal is dated 29.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 01.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.12.2020 ;

- i) Sh. Mohit Batra, Executive Engineer (South), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO, stated that the information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request is regarding daily progress report on a complaint dated 29.01.2020, which relates with office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar.
- ii) Hence, Public Information Officer office of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar, was impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) The Public Information Officer of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar was also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed to clear the facts of this case.
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

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The appellant, Sh. Jang Bahadur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has neither received any information from office of Punjab Mandi Board, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar nor from the office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar.

Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a report of 19 pages (which was received from office of Executive Engineer(South) of Punjab Mandi Board vide letter no. 296 dated 15.01.2021) has been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 151 dated 25.01.2021 through registered post.

She also intimates the Commission that a reply alongwith a copy of supplied information has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 223 dated 08.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 3217 dated 10.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, supplied to him by the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

As the Public Information Officer of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar was directed to represent this case in person or through his representative to clear the facts of this case but none came present from that office.

Another opportunity is given to the Public Information Officer of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Jang Bahadur S/o Sh. Jai Chhand,  
Mandi Aminganj, Rodhan Wali,  
Teh. & Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer(S)  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan,  
Civil Division, Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chief Engineer,  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan,  
Sector 65-A,S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2495 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Jang Bahadur, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 13.01.2020. First appeal is dated 16.03.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.12.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 09.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information with the directions to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 891 dated 25.02.2021 signed by Executive Engineer(S), Punjab Mandi Board, Civil Division, Fazilka, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post vide letter no. 875 dated 25.02.2021, appended to which is a copy of postal receipt. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jang Bahadur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 05 and 06 is not satisfactory as copy of plan does not match with the M B Book.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to sent a proper reply to the queries raised at point no. 05 and 06 through RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Ms. Minakshi Goyal W/o Sh. Durgesh Goyal,  
H. No. 107, Century Enclave,  
Phase – 1, Nabha Road, Patiala - 147001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Assistant Labour Commissioner, Punjab,  
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,  
S. A. S. Nagar, Mohali (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 787 of 2020**

Present : Ms. Minakshi Goyal, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 22.11.2019. First appeal is dated 25.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.12.2020,

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed either to supply the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post at her residential address or file a reply, in writing, to the query raised by the appellant at point no. 03 of the RTI request.
- ii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether she has received the remaining information/reply at point no. 03 of the RTI request or not.
- iii) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Assistant Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Patiala, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent

PIO through a reply vide letter no. 3823 dated 18.12.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 45 dated 04.01.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant at point no. 03 of the RTI request. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Ms. Minakshi Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that Information given at point no. 03 of the RTI request is not satisfactory.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record during working hours to inspect the relevant official record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during her visit to office to inspect the relevant official record and supply the required information to the appellant positively. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether she has received the remaining information/reply at point no. 03 of the RTI request, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner  
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Charanjit Singh,  
H. No. B-5-392,  
Ramgarhia Gurudwara Road,  
Barnala (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
P. W. D. (Central Works Division),  
Sangrur at Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P. W. D. (National Highways Circle,  
Sector 17, 17-Bays Building, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1862 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Charanjit Singh, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 02.10.2019. First appeal is dated 31.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.12.2020,

- i) Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, stated that the required information was given to the appellant vide letter no. 4691 dated 21.01.2020, again vide letter dated 13.08.2020 and again vide letter dated 11.12.2020.
- ii) The appellant stated that the information given to him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 to identify the information with the directions to supply the identified information, to the appellant after inspection. If any information to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request is not available or maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant visited the office on fixed date and required information was given to him.

The appellant, Sh. Charanjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information given to him not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, seeks an adjournment in this case so that the remaining information could be provided to the appellant.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Sanjeev Goyal  
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,  
H. No. 148, Model Town,  
Phase – 1,  
Bathinda - 151001 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

- (Regd. Post)
- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The General Manager,  
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,  
Bathinda (Punjab)
  - ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Bathinda(Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 27 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Goyal , the complainant in person.  
Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer O/o Municipal Corporation, Bathinda for  
the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 15.02.2019. The complaint has been received in the  
Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.12.2020,

- i) Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer of office of Municipal Corporation, Bathinda, appeared  
in today's hearing.
- ii) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2261 dated 10.11.2020 signed by General  
Manager-cum-PIO, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda, which was received in the  
Commission vide Diary No. 16370 dated 17.11.2020, had intimated the Commission that the  
requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant, by hand, vide letter no.  
2251 dated 09.11.2020.
- iii) The complainant stated that information given to him is not certified, moreover, not legible.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the legible and  
certified copies of the required information, to the appellant.
- v) An opportunity was also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the  
information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in  
writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent  
concerned.

The complainant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing,  
states that information given to him by the respondent PIO vide letter no. 2251 dated 09.11.2020 is  
not certified, moreover, not legible. He also intimates the Commission that a latter has also been  
sent to the Commission vide letter dated 25.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission  
through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer of office of Municipal Corporation,  
Bathinda, appeared in today's hearing.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda, nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, legible and certified copies of the required information has not been given by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 21.12.2020.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head	.. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head	.. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	.. 0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO concerned of office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda, to supply the legible and certified copies of the required information, to the complainant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing positively.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO, or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate,  
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside 'Sanjh Kender',  
Phillaur - 144410(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Licensing and Registration Authority  
-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Phagwara(Punjab)

Encl : letter dated 26.02.2021

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Phagwara (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2393 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 27.03.2020. First appeal is dated 06.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 01.09.2020.

The hearing in the instant case, which was fixed to be heard on 24.02.2021, could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and the case was fixed for today i. e. 01.03.2021.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 10 dated 23.02.2021 signed by Public Information Officer office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Phagwara, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 09 dated 23.02.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has pointed out certain deficiencies to the respondent intimating that incomplete information has been given to him at point no. 01, 02 and 05 of the RTI request.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant, to him (the appellant) by registered post with a copy to the Commission. He is also directed to send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant. He (respondent PIO) is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. A copy of this order alongwith letter dated 26.02.2021 (of the appellant) be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl : letter dated 26.02.2021

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Nitin Kumar Garg  
C/o Police Public Dairy,  
15-A, Shastri Nagar,  
Model Town, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Mandi Board Division,  
Kaourthala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chief Engineer(North),  
Punjab Mandi Board,  
Sector 65-A, Mandi Bhawan, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2433 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 28.02.2020. First appeal is dated 01.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.09.2020.

The hearing in the instant case, which was fixed to be heard on 24.02.2021, could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and the case was fixed for today i. e. 01.03.2021.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 354 dated 24.05.2021 signed by Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board, Kapurthala, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, vide letter no. 2271 dated 16.12.2020 and again vide letter no. 54 dated 07.01.2021. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, could not make himself audible during the proceedings of the instant appeal case due to technical fault in connection of network.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the appellant through a letter dated 01.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has received incomplete information as Rs. 144/- was demanded by the respondent PIO for 72 pages of information and he has deposited Indian Postal Orders for Rs. 150/- Through that reply, he also intimated the Commission that and he has received only 17 pages of information, which are less than 72 pages, moreover, copies of information given to him are not clear and legible.

Nevertheless, both the parties are directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date : 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

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